

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
June 15, 2017

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Monongahela, due notice of which meeting was published according to law, held Thursday June 15, 2017 at 7 P.M. in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kepics who led in the pledge to the flag.

The roll was called and the following present:

Bob Kepics
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak

George Andreyko was present from the Monongahela-Donora Lions Club to accept a proclamation from the city honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Lions Club. Many other members of the Monongahela-Donora Lions Club were present along with their mascot.

Public Forum:

Dan Tregembo, member of the Main Street Program, informed council there are several facade projects underway and they are in the process of having a mural painted on the old gas station at Park Avenue.

George Eckert, President of Monongahela Area Revitalization Committee, publicly thanked the Monongahela Police Department for their help with the Pooch Parade.

Report of City Clerk:

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, the Police Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Councilman Caudill said that he has gotten numerous complaints from city residents about youths riding bicycles downtown. Officer Maraldo said bicycles are not permitted on downtown sidewalks or streets and not in the Aquatorium. He said it is impossible to know at all times where these bicyclists are, but when seen the police do deal with them.

Second reading of Bill 1-2017 Eliminate stop intersection
at Vine & Finley Streets

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Bill 1-2017 be adopted as read and become Ordinance 1-2017, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Second reading of Bill 2-2017 Amend zoning code/
medical marijuana

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Veliky, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Bill 2-2017 be adopted as read and become Ordinance 2-2017, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Report of Mayor Kepics:

Asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of Mayor 10, 2017. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Mayor Kepics asked the Solicitor about laws regarding drones flying over residents houses. Solicitor Pappasergi said that drones are sometimes used by governments for mapping purposes, but it is considered trespassing if used to spon on neighbors. The FAA previously had laws regarding drones, but recently withdrew them. Councilman Kulak asked where to find information about drones and was told to check the FAA website.

Mayor Kepics informed council there is a skunk problem in some neighborhoods and asked residents to let the city know where these skunks are.

Report of Accounts & Finance: None

Report of Public Safety:

Councilman Veliky said he is working on an agreement with the Municipal Authority regarding rental equipment with them.

Report of Streets & Improvements:

Councilman Kulak informed council that storm sewer inlets along Park Avenue will be renovated beginning next month.

The following projects for the facade program were presented. David & Missy Kevich 200-204 Main Street and George Stasko at 211 Second Street.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Mayor Kepics, the application for the Local Share Facade Program for property at 200-204 Main Street and 211 Second Street, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Mayor Kepics, the fountain in Chess Park be removed with the understanding that council may seek other ammenities in place of it, and the same was agreed to by the following yea and nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas	Nays
Bob Kepics	Tom Caudill
Al Veliky	
Ken Kulak	

Total Yeas 3
Nays 1

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics.

Report of Solicitor:

Solicitor Pappasergi informed council that the tax assessment appeals are still going on in Washington County. The sale of the Armory has been approved but legal work had to be done to the original deed and the deed will provide that the Armory be limited to activities in a non-discriminatory way.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, all properly and approved bills be paid, and the same was agreed to by the following yea and nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas
Bob Kepics
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, council adjourn, and the same was agreed to by the following yea and nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

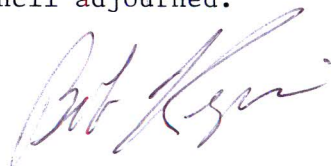
Yeas
Bob Kepics
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0


The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Mayor Kepics then declared council adjourned.

Mayor



ATTEST:


City Clerk